

Rome Diocese erects parish dedicated to use of Tridentine Mass

VATICAN CITY – The Diocese of Rome has erected a “personal parish” in Rome’s city center dedicated to the celebration of the Tridentine Mass.

The Vatican newspaper, *L’Osservatore Romano*, reported May 15 that Cardinal Camillo Ruini, papal vicar for Rome, recently designated the Church of the Holy Trinity of the Pilgrims as a parish where the pre-Second Vatican Council liturgy will be celebrated exclusively. The newspaper said the cardinal had entrusted the church to the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

Pope Benedict XVI’s 2007 document, “*Summorum Pontificum*,” allowed for wider use of the Mass in Latin using the 1962 Roman Missal. The document also said a bishop could designate a specific parish where the older form of the Mass would be used exclusively and not simply as an occasional alternative to the post-Vatican II liturgy.

Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos, president of the Pontifical Council “*Ecclesia Dei*,” which oversees the pastoral care of traditionalist Catholics, said the establishment of the Rome parish is a sign that “*Summorum Pontificum*” is being implemented in dioceses.

“The realization of a personal parish (in Rome) also has the value of being an example for other dioceses in Italy and elsewhere,” Cardinal Castrillon said.